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DWR's Display at Tulare County Fair Will Feature Multi-Room House with Water Conservation Advice

SACRAMENTO – Tulare County has been hit hard by California's five-year drought and is often called drought's "ground zero." With no end in sight, the imperative for water conservation continues in the county and throughout California. The Department of Water Resource (DWR) will have an exhibit at the Tulare County Fair to help attendees learn how they can conserve water in the home.

DWR's award-winning exhibit is a simulation of a three-room house – kitchen, bathroom and laundry room. Fair attendees can walk through the house to observe and participate in ways to save water in the home. The exhibit will be staffed by volunteers who will answer questions about how to conserve. They'll also distribute free shower timers to attendees.

The fair will run September 14 – 18 at the Tulare County Fairgrounds, 620 South K Street, Tulare. DWR's "Californians Don't Waste – Saving Water in the Home" exhibit in the Commercial Building will be open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Sunday.

California is nearing the end of the fifth consecutive water year in drought. The State Water Resources Control Board lifted mandatory statewide water restrictions earlier this year, and Californians have responded by conserving less on average than they did last year. The Board recently reported that urban water use statewide in July was 20 percent lower than July 2013, the benchmark year. In July 2015, the reduction was 31 percent.

Despite above-average precipitation in northern California since water year 2016 began on October 1, 2015, rainfall in the Tulare Basin since then has been only 89 percent of the multi-decade average. All but the extreme northwest corner of Tulare County remains in exceptional drought, the worst category according to the U.S. Drought Monitor.

DWR and two other State agencies are cooperating with Tulare County and the City of Porterville on the East Porterville Water Supply Project to provide homes with dry wells or undrinkable water in their wells with a sustainable water supply. East Porterville homes are currently being connected to an existing Porterville water distribution system in the streets, and new distribution lines will be laid in streets to supply hundreds more.

Every Californian should take steps to conserve water. Find out how at SaveOurWater.com.

